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AGREEMENT - STORAGE AND DISINCENTIVES

REF: A. STATE 237260, B. STATE 117637, C. 77 SEOUL 9314

1. MISSION CERTIFIES THAT PROPOSED PL-480 WHEAT AND CORN SALES TO KOREA WILL IN NO WAY ACT AS A DISINCENTIVE TO LOCAL PRODUCTION OF THESE COMMODITIES. THIS DETERMINATION IS MADE BY VIRTUE OF FACT DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN 1977 WAS ONLY 45,000 METRIC TONS AND PRODUCTION OF CORN WAS ONLY 113,000 TONS AGAINST AN IMPORT REQUIREMENT OF AT LEAST 1.55 MILLION TON FOR WHEAT AND 1.6 MILLION TONS FOR CORN. GIVEN THE LESS THAN FAVORABLE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS IN KOREA FOR THESE TWO CROPS, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTREMELY LIMITED LAND AREA AVAILABLE FOR GROWING CROPS OTHER THAN RICE, POTENTIAL FOR DISINCENTIVE TO FARMERS NON-EXISTANT.

2. COUNTRY TEAM HAS DETERMINED THAT ADEQUATE STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO HANDLE SHIPMENTS OF THESE TWO COMMODITIES. WITH REGARD TO OVERALL STORAGE CAPABILITY, ROKG IS CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING AND PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE FACILITIES AT FEED AND FLOUR MILLS FURTHER
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TO SITUATION REPORTED REFTTEL (C). INFORMAL CHECK WITH KOREA SILO CO., INDIIATES THEIR FACILITY CAPABLE HANDLE MORE VOLUME OF WHEAT AND CORN THAN HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.
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